



Spring 2011 Root River Weir Summary

The Root River Steelhead Facility (RRSF) was in operation for four processing dates during the spring 2011 migration. We were able to capture and process 766 steelhead between March 14 and April 19. This was an above average return to RRSF over the previous five spring seasons.

The number of fish captured at RRSF is a subset of the 2011 steelhead run in the Root River. We do not stop every fish in the river, as they are able to move upstream past the facility before it is operational in early spring, and some fish are able to bypass the facility during the sampling season when the river is at high flows.

In conjunction with the Besadny Anadromous Fisheries Facility in Kewaunee, we met our egg collection quotas for Chambers Creek and Ganaraska strains of steelhead. Our biological sampling goals were fulfilled, and fish health sampling was conducted. Fish sacrificed for health checks were donated to the Racine County Food Bank for local distribution.

The Spring 2011 RRSF steelhead effort is summarized below.

Captured	Spawned	Eggs Taken	Passed Upstream
766	341 total (136 Chambers and 205 Ganaraska)	342,000 Chambers 536,000 Ganaraska	642

Wisconsin DNR would like to acknowledge the support of Salmon Unlimited in keeping the Root River Steelhead Facility operational. Special thanks also go out to Paul Lohman for daily opening and closing of the viewing window at the facility.

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For fishing information, please call our 24-hour hotline at (414) 382-7920.

We will resume operations at the weir in the fall.

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